

NDEP Project Tracking System Quick Reference Guide

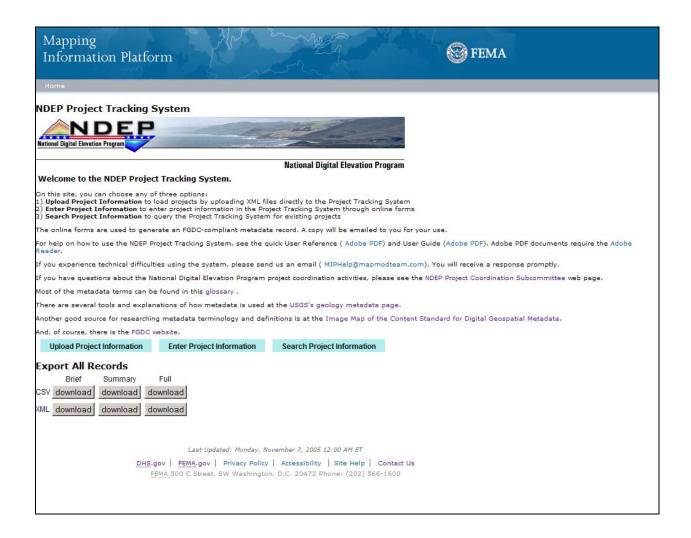


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What is the NDEP Project Tracking System?

The NDEP Project Tracking System is an application that allows the entry and search of elevation project information for projects available in the NDEP Tracking System Registry.

NDEP Project Tracking System Overview

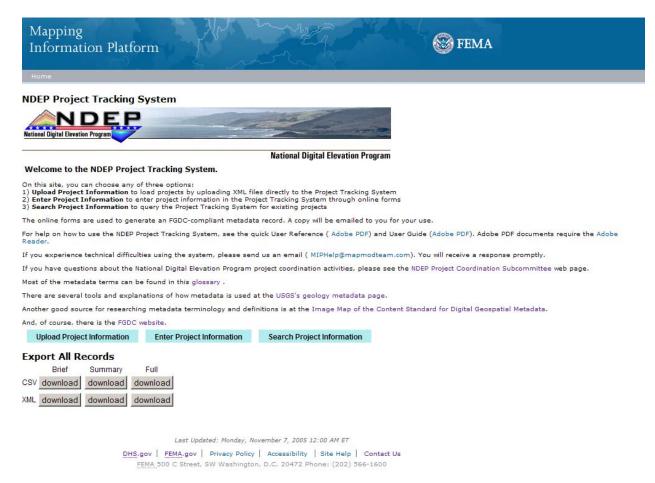
The NDEP Project Tracking System Quick Reference Guide contains useful information that will help guide you through using the application. For additional information, please review the NDEP Project Tracking User Guide.

Conventions used in this application are:

- All data entry boxes with a yellow background must be completed.
- All data entry boxes with a white background are optional and do not have to be completed.

Quick Reference Guide

Project Tracking System Home Page

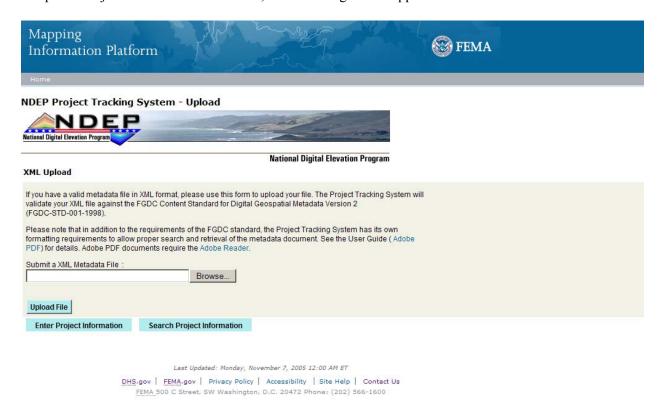


There are four options on the NDEP home page:

- **Upload Project Information** allows the user to upload the project information from a preformatted XML file. The Sample section contains an example of the file.
- Enter Project Information allows the user to enter project information screens where the data is entered interactively on several different screens.
- **Search Project Information** allows the user to navigate to the search section of the application and to search the data currently in the system.
- **Export All Records** allows the user to export all the data currently in the system in a variety of formats.

Upload Project Information

If Upload Project Information is selected, the following screen appears:



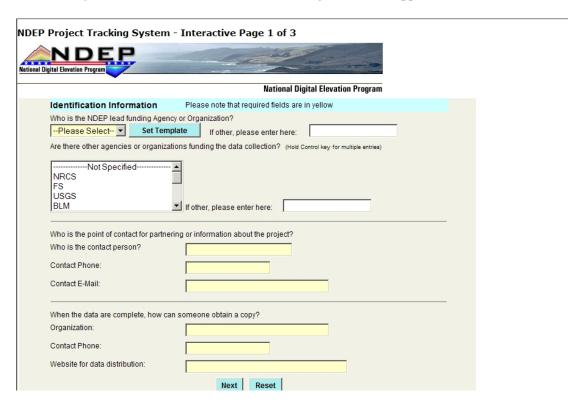
Use the Browse button to browse for the XML file. Once located, select Upload File.

If the file loads properly, the user will start on page 1 of project information entry, with the form fields populated with the information from the XML file.

If the file does not load, an error page will appear with descriptions of the errors in the XML file. Use a text editor to correct the XML file and try to upload it again. It should be noted that this is not the easy way to load a project into the system, but it can be quicker if the user is knowledgeable about metadata formats. The file will not be loaded until the errors are corrected and the upload steps are performed again.

Enter Project Information

If Enter Project Information is chosen, the following screen will appear:



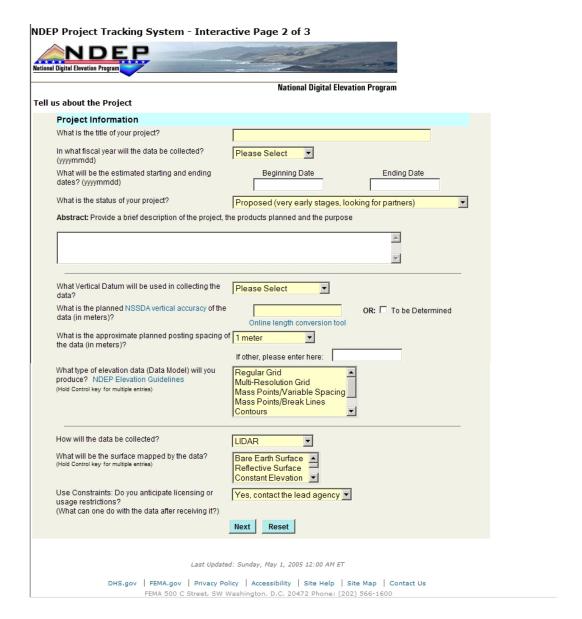
The fields can be filled in as follows:

"Who is the NDEP lead funding Agency or Organization?" – Select the lead agency from the list, or key in the agency name if it is not on the list.

"Are there other agencies or organizations funding the data collection?" – Select other funding agencies from the list if desired. Multiple agencies can be selected by holding down the Control key and picking each agency. If an agency is not on the list, the user may key in the name in the box to the right of the list.

- "Who is the contact person?" Enter the name of the contact person for this project
- "Contact Phone:" Enter the phone number of the contact. Please use xxx-xxx format.
- "Contact E-Mail:" Enter the email address of the contact person.
- "Organization:" Enter the name of the organization that can supply a copy of the data.
- "Contact Phone:" Enter the phone number of the contact for the data.
- "Website for data distribution" Enter the web address for the data, or enter "None" if a website is not yet determined.

Once all fields are complete, select the "Next" button. This will validate the data. If data meets the criteria, entry form page 2 of 4 will be displayed. If invalid data was entered or a required field was not filled out, the error will be identified to the user and must be corrected. Select the "Next" button when the errors have been corrected.



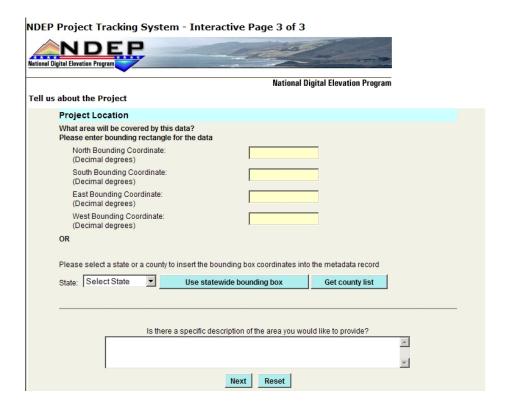
The fields can be filled in as follows:

- "What is the title of your project?" Enter a project name. Please keep this to less than 30 characters
- "In what fiscal year will the data be collected?" Select the year the data will be collected from the drop-down list.
- "What will be the estimated starting and ending dates?" These are optional fields to enter starting and ending dates for the project.
- "What is the status of your project?" Select the status of the project from the list.
- "Abstract:" This is an optional field that allows the user to further identify the project in under 200 characters.

- "What vertical datum will be used in collecting the data?" Select the vertical datum from the drop down list.
- "What is the planned NSSDA vertical accuracy of the data (in meters)?" Enter the horizontal accuracy in meters. There is a link to a conversion tool and to the NSSDA guidelines if the user requires help.
- "What is the approximate planned posting spacing of the data (in meters)?" Select the approximate planned posting spacing.
- "What type of elevation data (data model) will you produce?" Select the type of elevation data that will be collected in from the list. Multiple selections may be made by holding down the Ctrl-key. If the user does not yet know the type of elevation data, please select 'To be determined' from the list.
- "How will the data be collected?" Select how the data will be collected from the list. If the user does not yet know how the data will be collected, please select 'To be determined' from the list.
- "What will be the surface mapped by the data?" Select the surface mapped by the data from the list.

 Multiple selections may be made by holding down the Ctrl-key. If the user does not yet know what the surface mapped will be, please select 'To be determined' from the list.
- "Use constraints:" Select the use constraints for the data from the list.

Once all fields are completed, select the "Next" button. This will validate the data. If data meets the criteria, entry form page 3 of 4 will be displayed. If invalid data was entered or a required field was not filled out, the error will be identified to the user and must be corrected. Select the "Next" button when the errors identified have been corrected.



The fields can be filled in one of two methods as follows:

First method - Enter bounding box

If the user knows the bounding box then the coordinates can be entered in fields 3-1 through 3-4.

"North Bounding Coordinate" – Enter the North coordinate (must be larger than the South coordinate)

"South Bounding Coordinate" – Enter the South coordinate (must be smaller than the North coordinate)

"East Bounding Coordinate" – Enter the East coordinate (remember to use a minus (-) in front of western hemisphere projects).

"West Bounding Coordinate" - Enter the West coordinate (remember to use a minus (-) in front of western hemisphere projects).

"Is there a specific description of the area you would like to provide?" – If desired the user may describe the area for the project in greater detail (limited to 200 characters)

If the user has completed fields 3-1 through 3-4, select the "Next" button to go to page 4.

Alternative method - Select State

If the user wants to select a state use the following method and select from field 3-5.

"Please select a state..." – Select the state from the list. If the project is a state level project the user can then optionally fill the subsequent field.

Select the "Next" button to go to page 4.

Alternative method - Select State and County

If the user wants to select a state and county use the following method.

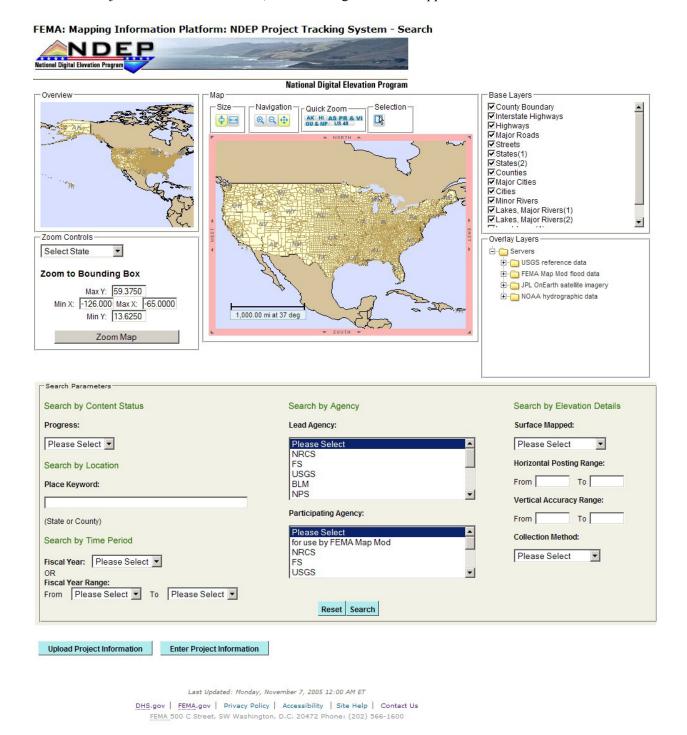
"Select state" – Select the state from the list. Select the radio button for "Select a county." Then select the "County List" button. The user will then have a list of counties to select from. Only one county can be chosen from the list. If the project is a county level project, the user can then optionally select a county.

Select the "Next" button to go to page 4.

Select "Submit your information." This will validate the submission and place it in the system so that it is immediately searchable. An email will be sent to the email address of the contact listed in the input with a copy of the project information record.

Search Project Information

If Search Project Information is chosen, the following screen will appear:

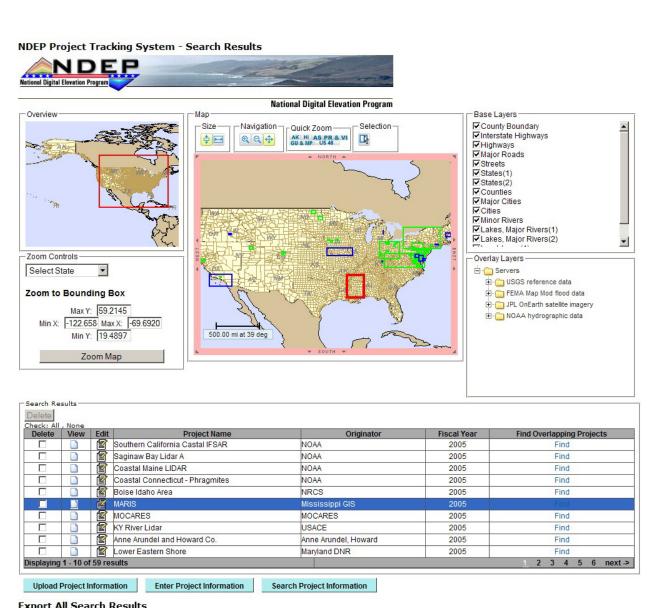


In order to search the project information for other projects in the system, select one or more criteria using the drop-down boxes, data entry boxes, or by zooming in to an area on the map. The user may search by

one or multiple criteria. Be aware that if too many criteria are chosen, the user may limit the search to a point where no records meet the criteria.

The base and overlay layers may be turned on and off to change the map display. Zoom controls can also be used to change the current map extent, either to zoom to a state or a county. Other pre-defined extents exist in the Quick Zoom box.

Once the criteria are chosen, select "Search" and the following results page will be displayed. Alternatively, the "Quick Search" icon (in the Selection box) can be chosen to initiate an immediate search based only on the geographical extent selected.



Export All Search Results			
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The search results are displayed in the table, 10 records per page. A table row can be selected by clicking on it, which will highlight in red that project's bounding box in the map. The non-selected projects on that page have their bounding boxes displayed in blue on the map. And the other projects in the results set (on other results pages) have their bounding boxes displayed in green.

Clicking on the icon in the View column will display a summary of the project information for that project. From the summary view, the user can choose to view the project's complete record.

Records can also be deleted or edited, but a username and password are required. Contact your agency's NDEP Project Coordination Subcommittee representative if you need access to edit or delete records.

The "Refine Search" icon (in the Selection box) can be chosen to refine the results set, based on the geographical extent selected. If the Find button to the right of each project is selected, then all projects in the system (not just those in the current results set) that overlap the spatially bounding rectangle for that project will be displayed in a new set of results.

Export All Search Records allows the user to export all the results set projects in a variety of formats.

Contact for Assistance

If you need assistance with this tool, please contact the FEMA Help Desk by e-mail (miphelp@mapmodteam.com).

Sample XML File

Shown below is an example of a correct XML File that will pass the validator in the upload process. For more details about the XML input file, see the NDEP Project Tracking System User Guide.

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